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The FLASH

Featuring "MYSTERY of the ELONGATED MAN!

FLASH THINKS HE'S ABOUT TO CAPTURE ME--BUT BY STRETCHING OUT MY BODY--CAN CAPTURE HIM!

Extra! A WHIRLWIND "KID FLASH" ADVENTURE!

The FLASH

WHETHER HE WAS AWAKE--OR ASLEEP--THE **FLASH** KEPT RUNNING INTO HIS ARCHRIVAL--THE INCREDIBLE MAN WITH THE FANTASTIC ABILITY TO STRETCH HIS BODY TO UN-LIMITED LENGTHS!
WHO WAS THIS ASTOUNDING CREATURE--AND WHAT WAS HIS CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN MYSTERIOUS EVENTS OCCURRING IN **CENTRAL CITY? THE WORLD'S FASTEST HUMAN**--FOR HIS OWN PEACE OF MIND--HAD TO SOLVE ...

The MYSTERY of the ELONGATED MAN!

AS THE **FLASH** SPEEDS HOMEWARD AFTER APPEARING AT A CHARITY BENEFIT PERFORMANCE..

EH? THAT KITTEN-- FALLING OFF A LEDGE--!

THEY SAY A CAT ALWAYS LANDS ON ITS FEET-- BUT I'LL MAKE SURE IT HAS A "SOFT" LANDING!

BUT JUST BEFORE THE **WORLD'S FASTEST HUMAN** CAN REACH THE ANIMAL...

GOT IT!

HUH?!

AND SOON AS A CURIOUS CROWD GATHERS... INCLUDING REPORTER IRIS WEST...

HOLD IT!

THIS WILL MAKE A CUTE STORY FOR MY PAPER, **PICTURE NEWS!** **FLASH** WAS OUT TO SAVE THE KITTEN--BUT FOR ONCE SOMEONE BEAT HIM TO IT--

--SOMEONE WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE **ELONGATED MAN**-- BECAUSE HE CAN **STRETCH HIMSELF** TO FANTASTIC LENGTHS!

IT'S EASY, FOLKS--IF YOU HAVE MY **SPECIAL ABILITY!**

FASCINATED, THE CROWD SWARMS ABOUT THE NEWCOMER...

WELL, THIS IS A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ME! I'M BEING **IGNORED**- WHILE IRIS AND THOSE OTHER PEOPLE FLOCK AROUND THAT **ELONGATED MAN!**...

LATER THAT WEEK IN THE APARTMENT OF BARRY ALLEN, ALIAS THE **FLASH**...

THE **ELONGATED MAN** AGAIN! THE PAPERS ARE FULL OF HIM--AND HIS PICTURES TOO! HE SURE IS STEALING **FLASH'S** THUNDER!

WHY, ONLY YESTERDAY...

"... I WAS STROLLING ALONG THE RIVERFRONT WHEN I HEARD A CALL FOR HELP FROM THE NEARBY DOCKS..."

HELP!

SOUNDS LIKE SOMEONE'S IN **TROUBLE!**

"BEFORE THE CALL FOR HELP HAD FADED AWAY, A SECRET SPRING HAD BEEN PRESSED ON MY RING... MY **FLASH** UNIFORM HAD SPURTED OUT, EXPANDING INSTANTLY ON CONTACT WITH AIR...

"BUT IN THE SPLIT-SECOND IT TOOK ME TO **'FLASH'** TO THE DOCKS..."

SCOOPED AGAIN-- BY THE **ELONGATED MAN!**

HOLD ON! I'LL PULL YOU UP TO SAFETY!

AND HE SEEMS TO BE ON THE SPOT **ESPECIALLY** WHEN **FLASH** IS IN THE VICINITY! IT'S AS IF HE WANTS TO ROB HIM OF POPULARITY--OR TO ECLIPSE HIM IN THE PUBLIC EYE! Hmmm... I CAN'T HELP WONDERING...

WHO **IS** THE **ELONGATED MAN** REALLY? AND HOW DID HE GET THAT SPECIAL **ABILITY** OF HIS-- THAT ENABLES HIM TO STRETCH HIMSELF SO FANTASTICALLY?

SO... YOU WISH TO KNOW ABOUT **FLASH'S** RIVAL, EH, BARRY? WELL, THAT'S AN UNDER-STANDABLE DESIRE! ACTUALLY, THE FACTS ABOUT THE **ELONGATED MAN** ARE **NOT** SO EXTRAORDINARY AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE! FOR EXAMPLE, HE WAS BORN...

...RALPH DIBNY, THE SECOND SON OF AN AVERAGE MIDWEST AMERICAN FAMILY! ONE DAY WHEN HE WAS NINE YEARS OLD, HIS PARENTS TOOK HIM TO A TRAVELING SIDE-SHOW...

JIMINY PETE! LOOK AT THAT MAN TWIST HIMSELF AROUND-- LIKE A PRETZEL!

INDIA RUBBER MAN

COME ON, RALPH! THERE'S OTHER THINGS TO SEE HERE!

LEMME ALONE! I'M GONNA STAY HERE AND WATCH HIM SOME MORE!

RALPH JUST COULDN'T GET ENOUGH OF THE **INDIA RUBBER MAN!** AT THE END OF THE SHOW...

GINGOLD SODA WATER

EXCUSE ME, MISTER INDIA RUBBER MAN-- BUT COULD YOU TELL ME **HOW** YOU STRETCH YOURSELF THAT WAY?

SORRY, YOUNG FELLER... BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU! YOU SEE--IT'S A **TRADE SECRET!**

OH!

WHEN RALPH WENT HOME AT THE END OF THE DAY, HE **KNEW** WHAT HIS AMBITION IN LIFE WAS...

I'VE NEVER **SEEN** ANYTHING SO **EXCITING** AS THAT ***INDIA RUBBER MAN!*** AND SOMEHOW... SOMEWAY... ***I'M*** GONNA LEARN THAT **SECRET**... OF HOW TO STRETCH MYSELF OUT!

AS RALPH DIBNY GREW UP HE CARRIED OUT HIS RESOLUTION...

I'VE VISITED ***FIVE*** INDIA RUBBER MEN IN SIDESHOWS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY... BUT ***NONE*** OF THEM SEEMS TO BE ABLE... OR TO WANT TO TELL ME... HOW HE DOES IT!

AT THE END OF A DISAPPOINTING YEAR...

I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT THERE ***IS NO SECRET***-- HOW THEY DO IT! I THINK THAT FIRST ONE LONG AGO WAS JUST HAVING A **JOKE** AT MY EXPENSE!

HE DIDN'T REALIZE HE WAS PUTTING ME ON A TRAIL THAT'S TAKEN **ALL MY LIFE!** FOR NOTHING! BUT WAIT A SECOND... I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING! GOLLY, IT JUST POPPED INTO MY HEAD --

. . .

WHAT RALPH DIBNY THOUGHT OF, AND SUDDENLY REMEMBERED, WAS THIS...

GINGOLD

-- THAT IN **EVERY INDIA RUBBER MAN'S** TENT WHERE HE HAD GONE, THERE HAD BEEN A BOTTLE OF A SOFT DRINK CALLED **GINGOLD!** BUT--WHAT DID **THAT** MEAN?

I'VE FOUND OUT... THAT THE ***INDIA RUBBER MEN DON'T DRINK GINGOLD*** BECAUSE THEY THINK IT WILL MAKE THEM STRETCHIER--BUT ONLY BECAUSE THEY HAPPEN TO LIKE IT! BUT IF THEY **ALL** LIKE IT, ISN'T THAT SOME KIND OF **CLUE?**

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YOUNG DIBNY FOUND OUT SOME OTHER THINGS TOO...

I'VE LEARNED THAT THE MAIN INGREDIENT OF **GINGOLD** IS THE JUICE OF A LITTLE-KNOWN TROPICAL FRUIT! AND I'VE ISOLATED THE **ESSENCE** OF THAT FRUIT BY CHEMICAL MEANS...ENOUGH TO AFFECT **ME**--IF IT HAS ANY EFFECT!

STEELING HIMSELF, RALPH DOWNED THE DRAUGHT AT A GULP!...

I...I **DON'T** FEEL ANYTHING! **NOT A THING**...

DOWNCAST, THE YOUTH WALKED THE STREETS...

I'VE FAILED! ALL MY LIFE HAS ADDED UP TO **NOTHING**... EH? THAT FLOWER POT--!

INSTINCTIVELY, DIBNY THREW A HAND UP TOWARD THE FALLING POT!!

JIMINY PETE! MY ARM-- IT'S **STRETCHING** LIKE **RUBBER!!**

AND SOON AN EXHILARATED RALPH DIBNY TESTED OUT HIS NEW TALENT...!

I'VE SOLVED THE SECRET OF ELONGATING MY BODY! IT'S BROUGHT ABOUT BY A MYSTERIOUS INGREDIENT IN THE **GINGOLD** DRINK-- PLUS AN EXERTION OF **WILL POWER!** I CAN TRAIN MYSELF TO STRETCH OUT ALMOST INDEFINITELY!

HE DECIDED THAT FROM THEN ON HE WOULD BE KNOWN AS THE **ELONGATED MAN**... AND EVEN INVENTED A COSTUME..

THIS UNIFORM OF MINE IS MADE ALONG THE LINES OF **STRETCH NYLON**-- ONLY IT'S MUCH STRONGER AND INFINITELY **MORE STRETCHABLE! NOW** I'M READY TO REALIZE MY **AMBITION!!**

BUT WHAT **WAS** RALPH DIBNY'S AMBITION? THAT REMAINS FOR **FLASH** TO PUZZLE OUT!

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS...**ELONGATED MAN!** EVER SINCE HE CAME TO **CENTRAL CITY** CERTAIN PECULIAR THINGS HAVE HAPPENED THAT POINT A **FINGER OF SUSPICION** AT HIM!

THERE WAS THIS CASE A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO! AN **OUTSIDE WINDOW** WAS FORCED ON THE **TWENTIETH** FLOOR OF A SKYSCRAPER IN MIDTOWN, AND A SAFE INSIDE LOOTED! THE WALL WAS SHEER...

DAILY EXPR

ELONGATED MAN AGAIN

"BUT THE **ELONGATED MAN** COULD HAVE REACHED DOWN FROM THE ROOF DURING THE NIGHT..."

"...AND EASILY PULLED THE JOB!"

AND THAT'S NOT THE ONLY ONE! THERE WERE OTHER ROBBERIES OF THE SAME **MYSTERIOUS** KIND...EH? MY PHONE!

RING!

HELLO!

IT'S IRIS!

GOOD GOSH! DID I HAVE A DATE WITH HER--THAT I'VE FOR-GOTTEN ABOUT--?

BARRY--I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU--

SHE'S GOING TO BAWL ME OUT FOR BEING **LATE** AGAIN...

...IF YOU SEE YOUR FRIEND **FLASH**--WOULD YOU PASS ON A FRIENDLY **WARNING** TO HIM FROM ME?

HUH--?

TELL HIM HE MAY NOT WIN THE *MAN OF THE YEAR* AWARD THIS YEAR! THE *ELONGATED MAN* IS A STRONG CONTENDER-- AND COULD BEAT HIM OUT FOR THE *HONOR!*

OH!

AFTER IRIS HAS HUNG UP...

SO? THE *ELONGATED MAN* AGAIN! AND HE'S THREATENING TO BEAT OUT **FLASH** FOR THE **MAN OF THE YEAR** AWARD? WELL... WE'LL SEE ABOUT *THAT!*

*MOMENTS LATER, THE **FASTEST MAN ON EARTH** ROCKETS ACROSS **CENTRAL CITY**...*

I HAVE AN IDEA...

...THAT WILL NOT ONLY PREVENT THE *ELONGATED MAN* FROM WINNING ANY SUCH HONOR...

...BUT WILL EXPOSE HIM FOR WHAT HE *REALLY* IS!

SOON... IN THE OFFICE OF THE SINORIENT IMPORTING COMPANY...

YES, IT IS TRUE, **FLASH**-- WE WERE GOING TO **POSTPONE** OUR EXHIBITION OF MING VASES --DUE TO THE WAVE OF MYSTERIOUS ROBBERIES IN TOWN--!

YES, I KNOW--

--THROUGH MY IDENTITY AS BARRY ALLEN, RESEARCH SCIENTIST AT POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS!

BUT I'VE COME HERE, GENTLE-MEN, TO URGE YOU TO DO **NO SUCH THING!**

WHAT?! YOU ASK US TO TAKE A RISK? DO YOU REALIZE, **FLASH**, THAT THIS POTTERY-- FROM THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY-- THE MING DYNASTY IN CHINA -- IS PRACTICALLY **PRICELESS**?

I DO! BUT LISTEN --

IT'S OUR **BEST WAY** OF TRAPPING THE ELUSIVE ROBBER! AND AS FOR YOUR POTTERY, I **MYSELF** WILL UNDER-TAKE TO **GUARANTEE** ITS SAFETY!

WELL, IN **THAT** CASE...!

AT THE **EXHIBITION HALL**, SHORTLY, THE WORLD'S MOST WONDERFUL **WATCHMAN** GOES ON DUTY...

AT SUPER-SPEED I'M **INVISIBLE**... AND I CAN COVER...

...EVERY ONE OF THESE **EXIT DOORS**--

...SIMULTANEOUSLY! AND TO PLAY IT SAFE...

I'M STARTING MY ROUNDS EVEN **BEFORE** THEY PUT THE **VASES** OUT HERE!

THE ELONGATED MAN DOESN'T REALIZE IT, BUT I'M SETTING A TRAP FOR HIM! HE'S SURE TO HAVE READ ABOUT THIS EXHIBITION--AND IF I'M RIGHT, HE'LL BE HERE--EH?

FLASH--WHERE ARE YOU--?

AS THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER APPLIES THE BRAKES..

OH, FLASH--THE MOST TERRIBLE THING! THE PRECIOUS VASES--THEY'VE BEEN STOLEN FROM THE WAREHOUSE NEXT DOOR--BEFORE WE COULD EVEN PUT THEM ON DISPLAY HERE!

GREAT SCOTT!

LIKE CRIMSON LIGHTNING, FLASH DARTS TOWARD THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...

THE ELONGATED MAN! I'VE CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED!

FLASH--AFTER ME??

AS THE ELONGATED MAN RACES OFF...

GOT TO GET AWAY--!

I'LL PROVE HE'S NO MATCH FOR ME!

GOT HIM!

BY STRETCHING MYSELF AROUND THIS TREE, I CAN GRAB THE FLASH!

BUT NOT EVEN THE ELONGATED MAN CAN OUTSPEED THE WORLD'S FASTEST MAN...

NOW--WHERE ARE THOSE VASES?

IN THE GARAGE BEHIND THE WAREHOUSE--WHERE I PUT THEM!

I PUT THEM HERE SO THEY'D BE SAFE--AFTER I TOOK THEM FROM THE CROOKS!

FROM-- **WHAT** CROOKS?!

IN AN ADJOINING GARAGE...

HERE THEY ARE! I LOCKED THEM IN HERE-- AND I WAS GOING FOR THE POLICE WHEN YOU-- ER-- STOPPED ME!

HANDLE WITH CARE

GREAT STARS! AND I THOUGHT THAT **YOU** WERE THE GUILTY PARTY--

AS MATTERS GET CLEARED UP...

THEN YOU CAME HERE **EARLY** IN ORDER TO CAPTURE THESE ROBBERS--AND **CLEAR YOUR GOOD NAME!**

WHICH IS RALPH DIBNY, BY THE WAY! YES, I DID, **FLASH**...

YOU SEE, WHEN I REALIZED I HAD THIS AMAZING TALENT TO STRETCH MYSELF, I VOWED I WOULD ONLY USE MY ABILITY IN EMERGENCIES OR TO HELP PEOPLE!

BUT THESE THIEVES WERE MAKING IT LOOK AS IF **I** WERE THE **CULPRIT**...

...COMMITTING THE MYSTERIOUS CRIMES! SO I HAD TO TRY TO CLEAR MYSELF!

SAY--I **RECOGNIZE** THOSE MEN...! THEY BELONG TO THE **PERRY VETO** GANG! BUT WHERE'S THE RINGLEADER?

THERE **WAS** A THIRD MAN--BUT HE ESCAPED ME, **FLASH!**

THAT **MUST** HAVE BEEN **PERRY VETO** HIMSELF! GOT TO TRACK HIM DOWN--

AS FLASH EMBARKS ON A SUPER-SPEED MANHUNT...

PERRY VETO IS THE MOST WANTED CRIMINAL IN THE STATE ! BUT SO FAR HE'S MANAGED TO ELUDE CAPTURE--EH ?

MARKS OF A CAR HERE--

--THAT TOOK OFF SO QUICKLY THE TIRES LEFT RUBBER MARKS ON THE ROAD ! PERRY VETO MUST HAVE BEEN IN THAT CAR !

AS THE WORLD'S FASTEST HUMAN TRAILS THE GETAWAY CAR BY HIS OWN UNIQUE METHODS...

NO SIGN THIS WAY...

OR THIS WAY...

HERE'S SOMETHING... THOSE TIRE MARKS AGAIN !

AND SOON, AS THE EARTH'S SWIFTEST PURSUER GAINS SIGHT OF HIS QUARRY..!

THERE IT IS--AND JUST AS I SUSPECTED, IT'S PERRY VETO AT THE WHEEL !

WITH AN EXTRA BURST OF SPEED, FLASH "DETAINS" THE CROOK...

THIS IS ONE WAY TO STOP THE CAR ! BY RAPIDLY CIRCLING AROUND IT, I'VE CREATED A SUCTION THAT HAS RAISED THE CAR OFF THE ROAD !

AS THE SPEEDSTER SEIZES THE GANG CHIEF...

BETTER BUTTON UP YOUR OVERCOAT, **VETO!** YOU MAY FIND IT **WINDY** ON THIS **SUPER-SWIFT** TRIP TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS!

LATER, IN THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE CHIEF...

VETO HAS CONFESSED, **FLASH**--THAT HE AND HIS GANG COMMITTED THOSE "MYSTERIOUS" CRIMES WITH THE AID OF A **HELICOPTER!**

THEY FIGURED THAT THE **ELONGATED MAN** WOULD BE SUSPECTED--AND THAT WOULD LEAVE THEM IN THE CLEAR!

BUT THANKS TO YOU, **FLASH**--THEY'RE **IN THE CLEAR!**

SOME DAYS LATER AT A **SPECIAL CEREMONY** *ARRANGED BY* **PICTURE NEWS...**

...AND WE ANNOUNCE A **TIE** FOR THE **MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD! FLASH** AND THE **ELONGATED MAN** DIVIDE THE HONOR!

HOW ABOUT THE TWO OF THEM SHAKING HANDS?

RIGHT! JUST SIT WHERE YOU ARE, **FLASH**--

;*Whew!*; TALK ABOUT A "BOARDINGHOUSE REACH"! RALPH, I'D SURE LIKE YOU WITH ME AT ALL BANQUETS I ATTEND THIS SEASON!

ANYTIME, **FLASH**--ANYTIME!

The End

The FLASH presents... KID FLASH

DANGER ON WHEELS!

RALPH PARKER, THE **CITY YOUTH ADVISER** IN **BLUE VALLEY,** WARNED HIS YOUNG CHARGES NOT TO BUY THE DANGEROUS **GO-MOBILES** THAT WERE BEING SOLD BY AN UNSCRUPULOUS OUT-OF-TOWN FIRM! THANKS TO **KID FLASH**--ALIAS WALLY WEST--SEVERAL NEAR-ACCIDENTS WERE AVERTED, BUT THEN ANOTHER AND EVEN MORE TERRIBLE MENACE TO THE TOWN'S TEEN-AGERS ERUPTED IN THIS STORY WE CALL...

THOSE TWO KIDS IN THEIR **GO-MOBILES** WERE PLAYING "CHICKEN"--AND IT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THEM MAY BE A **GONE GOOSE** UNLESS I CAN REACH HIM IN TIME!

IN BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL, LINDA GRANT, PRETTY AND POPULAR YOUNG TEACHER, ADDRESSES HER CLASS BEFORE THE SUMMER VACATION ...

WELL, BOYS AND GIRLS, THIS IS THE END OF THE SCHOOL TERM-- AND THE LAST DAY YOU'LL SPEND IN THIS OLD SCHOOL BUILDING! WHEN YOU RETURN IN THE FALL...

...YOU'LL COME TO THE NEW BUILDING! HERE'S A PICTURE OF WHAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE...

OOH!

SUPER! COOL!

AND NOW, GOODBY, CLASS! I'LL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

AS THE CLASS FILES OUT, INCLUDING WALLY WEST--WHOSE SECRET IDENTITY IS THE AMAZING KID FLASH...

EVERYBODY IN OUR CLASS LIKES MISS GRANT--SHE'S SO PRETTY...AND LIVELY! BUT SOMEHOW... SHE DOESN'T SEEM HER-SELF TODAY!

CURIOUSLY, FOR A MOMENT, WALLY LINGERS IN THE DOORWAY, AND SEES...

JUMPING JETS! SHE'S CRYING!

ON IMPULSE, THE ALERT LAD RETURNS...

MISS GRANT, IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG? I COULDN'T HELP NOTICING ...

OH, WALLY! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR ANYONE TO SEE, BUT SINCE YOU'VE ASKED ME...

As words and tears tumble from the pretty teacher...

Ralph Parker, the city **youth adviser**, and I are engaged to be married--

Yes, Miss Grant! All the kids in town know that!

Well, Mr. Parker is in the construction business, and he submitted a bid to build the new school! He wanted so much to get the contract, he entered an especially low bid...

...but an out-of-town firm put in an even **lower** bid and won the contract! They're the ones who are erecting the new building now...

Naturally Ralph and I felt bad, Wally! And now, thinking of the new school made me think of our disappointment! We've even had to postpone our marriage!

Gosh, Miss Grant, I'm sorry...

Outside, after the teacher has recovered her composure...

'Bye now, Wally--and thanks for your sympathy!

So long, Miss Grant! I hope things turn out all right...

I sure wish I could do something to help Miss Grant and Mr. Parker! They're both so nice--and it does seem a shame Mr. Parker didn't get that contract!

ON HIS WAY HOME, WALLY PASSES THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF THE NEW SCHOOL ...

ACCORDING TO MISS GRANT, THE **BIG ACE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** HAS CONTRACTED TO FINISH THE NEW BUILDING BEFORE SEPTEMBER ! THAT SURE IS **FAST GOING** -- SINCE THEY STARTED ONLY TWO MONTHS AGO !

SHORTLY, SOME BLOCKS AWAY...

I GUESS RALPH PARKER COUDN'T MATCH THAT SPEED, AND THAT MUST BE ONE REASON HE DIDN'T -- EH??

SLUG HIM, DOBY !

EAT

JUMPING JETS ! TWO THUGS -- ATTACKING RALPH PARKER ! LOOKS LIKE HE COULD USE THE HELP OF **KID FLASH !**

CONCEALED IN SHADOW, WALLY PRESSES A HIDDEN SPRING ON HIS RING, AND INSTANTLY...

BY A SECRET CHEMICAL FORMULA, WALLY'S **KID FLASH** UNIFORM EXPANDS ENORMOUSLY IN THE AIR AS IT SPURTS FROM HIS RING !

THEN...A BRIGHT SCARLET SHAPE WHIZZES TOWARD THE UNEQUAL CONFLICT...

MR. PARKER COULD PROBABLY HANDLE THOSE MUGGERS ONE AT A TIME, BUT BOTH TOGETHER --

DOBY, LOOK --

WHAT IN BLAZES -- ?

GOT TO USE SOME SPEED-STUNTS TO DRIVE THOSE THUGS OFF --

BY WHIRLING ROUND AND AROUND HIS FOES, THE **FASTEST BOY ALIVE** SETS UP A **WIND ACTION** THAT SENDS THE THUGS REELING ...

I'VE SEEN MY IDOL ...

...THE **FLASH** DO THIS ! THE WIND ...

... SET UP BY MY SUPER-SPEED CAN BE AS ...

...POWERFUL AS A **HURRICANE!**

AS THE WIND SENDS THE ASSAILANTS **RUNNING**...

I'M **FORCING** THEM TO **RUN**-- IN ORDER TO KEEP FROM FALLING! THEY CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES!

MOMENTS LATER...

:PUFF: WHAT **WAS** THAT?

I DUNNO--AND I'M TOO POOPED TO TRY AND FIND OUT!

AS **KID FLASH** REJOINS THE MAN HE RESCUED...

MR. PARKER! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YES! BUT--YOU CAN'T BE THE FAMOUS **FLASH**.. YOU'RE TOO SMALL!

EAT

AT SOM

STARTLED, RALPH PARKER LEARNS THE TRUTH...

WHAT?! YOU'RE **FLASH'S** BOY PROTÉGÉ-- **KID FLASH**?!

THAT'S RIGHT, MR. PARKER! AND I--LIVE AROUND HERE--

AS THE TWO RAPIDLY STRIKE UP A FRIENDSHIP...

WELL, I'M SURE GLAD YOU CAME ALONG JUST NOW-- WHOEVER YOU ARE!

I CAN'T TELL HIM MY **REAL** IDENTITY-- I PROMISED **FLASH** TO KEEP IT A **SECRET!**

BUT, MR. PARKER--

--**WHO** WERE THOSE MEN YOU WERE FIGHTING WITH? WHAT WERE THEY AFTER?

BEATS ME, **KID FLASH!** I NEVER SAW THEM BEFORE!

BRIEFLY, THE YOUTH ADVISER RELATES WHAT LED UP TO THE UNEXPECTED ATTACK...

...AND I WAS LEAVING THE NEW SCHOOL SITE WHEN THOSE TWO LIT INTO ME! I HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST-- WAIT A MINUTE! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING!

SINCE YOU LIVE AROUND HERE, **KID FLASH**-- YOU PROBABLY KNOW THAT LATELY, AS CITY **YOUTH ADVISER**, I'VE HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH AN OUTFIT...

...SELLING THE SPEEDY **GO-MOBILES**--LITTLE AUTOS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FUN FOR KIDS, BUT REALLY GO MUCH TOO FAST FOR JUST FUN!

I KNOW...

"ONLY THIS MORNING I SAW A COUPLE OF KIDS PLAYING '**CHICKEN**' IN THEIR NEW **GO-MOBILES!**"

"THEY SPED AT EACH OTHER, TO SEE WHICH ONE WOULD GIVE WAY! ONLY--THEY CAME TOO CLOSE AND COLLIDED!"

THAT GO-MOBILE--OVERTURNING! THE DRIVER WILL BE HURT--!

"NO ONE WAS WATCHING ME... THEY WERE ALL WATCHING THE COLLISION..."

"...AND IN THAT INSTANT BEFORE ANYONE COULD NOTICE, I BECAME KID FLASH!"

"AT SUPER-SPEED I MANAGED TO REACH THE DRIVER AND PULL HIM OUT OF THE OVERTURNING CAR BEFORE ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN TO HIM!"

...SO FORTUNATELY NO ONE WAS INJURED!

BUT YOU MEAN, MR. PARKER, THAT YOU SUSPECT THE GO-MOBILE SALESMEN OF ATTACKING YOU?

THEY MAY HAVE HIRED THUGS TO DO THEIR DIRTY WORK!

THEY KNOW I'VE BEEN CAMPAIGNING TO GET THE CITY TO BAR THE SALE OF THEIR VEHICLES TO CHILDREN--AS TOO DANGEROUS!

I SEE! LOOK--THERE'S THE AGENCY NOW!

GO-MOBILE

AS THE BOY SPEEDSTER ACTS ON IMPULSE...

JUST A MOMENT, MR. PARKER! I'M GOING TO DO A LITTLE INVESTIGATING HERE -- IN MY OWN WAY!

REMICK

I WONDER WHAT THAT AMAZING YOUNGSTER HOPES TO FIND OUT?

GO-MOBILE Agency

ED REMICK PROP.

WHEN **KID FLASH** REAPPEARS...

NO--IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE **GO-MOBILE** PEOPLE, MR. PARKER! THEY CLOSED UP THE AGENCY AND LEFT TOWN A FEW DAYS AGO--I SPOKE TO THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING!

HMM! IN THAT CASE--

--THERE'S **ANOTHER** POSSIBILITY, **KID FLASH!** THE ATTACK ON ME TOOK PLACE RIGHT AFTER I LEFT THE SITE OF THE **NEW SCHOOL!** I HAD GONE THERE...

...BECAUSE I FIGURED THE **BIG ACE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** MIGHT HAVE SOME **NEW METHODS** OF CONSTRUCTION--THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO FINISH THE SCHOOL SO **FAST!** I WANTED TO LEARN ABOUT THEM...

BUT I DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING, ALTHOUGH I LOOKED AROUND! IT WAS SCARCELY FIVE MINUTES LATER THAT THOSE THUGS POUNCED ON ME!

MAIN ST.

ONE WAY

JUMPING JETS! I WONDER--

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GRIMLY, THE KEEN-MINDED BOY SPEEDSTER POSES A QUERY...

TELL ME, MR. PARKER--IS IT POSSIBLE THE **BIG ACE COMPANY** IS USING POOR OR CHEAP MATERIALS IN THEIR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL?

THAT OCCURRED TO ME, **KID FLASH!** BUT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO FIND OUT...

IT WOULD TAKE A COUPLE OF YEARS OF USE... AND **THEN** THE INFERIOR MATERIALS MIGHT GIVE WAY.. AND MAYBE EVEN ENDANGER KIDS' LIVES!

A COUPLE OF YEARS OF USE? I CAN FIND OUT QUICKER THAN THAT! COME WITH ME, MR. PARKER...

AS THE **SCARLET STRIPLING** SEIZES HIS FRIEND BY THE HAND AND WHIZZES ACROSS TOWN...

WH--WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

TO THE SCHOOL SITE!

IT'S AFTER HOURS--AND BY NOW ALL THE WORKMEN HAVE LEFT!

INSIDE THE HALF-FINISHED BUILDING...

WHAT?! YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE THE MATERIALS HERE **SEVERAL YEARS' USE--IN A COUPLE OF MINUTES!?**

THAT'S RIGHT--BY **SUPER-SPEED!** WE'LL SOON FIND OUT WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW, MR. PARKER! I'LL START WITH THIS FLOOR--!

AROUND AND AROUND THE FLOOR WHIZZES THE **CRIMSON COMET...**

IT'S INCREDIBLE! WITH HIS FANTASTIC SPEED, **KID FLASH** IS GIVING THIS FLOOR--IN A FEW MOMENTS--THE AMOUNT OF WEAR IT WOULD GET FROM A WHOLE **ROOMFUL** OF KIDS IN A COUPLE OF **YEARS!**

SUDDENLY...

UHH--! BREAK-ING THROUGH! THIS **PROVES**--

AS THE SPEEDY YOUTH NIMBLY VAULTS BACK INTO THE ROOM ...

--THAT THE FLOOR THEY'VE BUILT HERE WOULD ONLY LAST A YEAR OR SO, MR. PARKER! NOW LET'S TRY THE GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT DOWNSTAIRS!

THEN, AS **KID FLASH** PUTS THE EQUIPMENT IN THE GYM TO HIS AMAZING TIME-TEST...

THESE *FLYING RINGS* WOULD BREAK IN ABOUT A YEAR!

THIS TRAPEZE BAR WOULDN'T LAST SIX MONTHS!

THERE GO THE PARALLEL BARS--THEY'RE DEFECTIVE TOO!

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS? THIS BUILDING IS A **FRAUD!** IT'S BUILT TO LAST ONLY A COUPLE OF YEARS--AND THAT'S WHY THE **BIG ACE COMPANY** WAS ABLE TO SUBMIT SUCH A **LOW BID!**

RIGHT, MR. PARKER! NOW LET'S GO AND...

YOU TWO AIN'T GOIN' NO-WHERE--

THE TWO THUGS--

--WHO ATTACKED YOU BEFORE!

THIS TIME WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT SNOOPER-- AND DO IT **RIGHT!**

AN' THAT INCLUDES THE KID IN COSTUME!

KID FLASH-- LOOK OUT! THEY'VE GOT GUNS...

GOT TO REACH THEM BEFORE THEY CAN FIRE--!

THE **BOY SPEEDSTER** UTILIZES THE INTERVENING HURDLE TO GAIN MOMENTUM IN HIS PLUNGE FORWARD, AND...

GREAT SCOTT! HE BOWLED THEM OVER BEFORE THEY COULD EVEN PULL A TRIGGER!

GRAB THIS GUN, MR. PARKER-- KEEP IT ON THESE MUGS!

AFTER THE ATTACKERS HAVE BEEN HERDED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOU--AND **KID FLASH**-- HAVE UNCOVERED AN **ATTEMPTED SWINDLE**, MR. PARKER! OUR INVESTIGATION SHOWS THE **BIG ACE COMPANY** HAS PULLED THIS IN OTHER TOWNS--THEY PUT UP A "QUICKIE" SCHOOL BUILDING FOR A CHEAP PRICE--

--BUT THE BUILDING BARELY LASTS LONG ENOUGH FOR THEM TO GET OUT OF TOWN WITH THEIR ILL— GOTTEN PROFITS!

WE'LL NEED A **NEW BUILDING** ALTOGETHER, MR. PARKER...

...AND AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD I'M GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT **YOU** ERECT IT! BUT CAN YOU FINISH THE JOB BY **SEPTEMBER**?

I--I CAN TRY!

AT THE END OF THE WEEK...

RALPH, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A **CHANCE** TO FINISH THE SCHOOL IN TIME--EXCEPT FOR ONE THING! THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY HAS AGREED TO GIVE YOU A HELPING HAND!

I UNDERSTAND IT WAS **KID FLASH** WHO TALKED THE STUDENTS INTO GIVING UP THEIR SUMMER VACATION FOR THIS PROJECT!

YES, WE HAVE A LOT TO THANK THAT AMAZING YOUNGSTER FOR, LINDA...

NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT, RALPH-- THE WHOLE TOWN DOES!

The End

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THERE'LL BE MORE **KID FLASH** STORIES IN FUTURE ISSUES--IF YOU READERS ASK FOR THEM! Write to

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